

WELL, THEN, THAT FIFTH AVENUE WAS SO NOISY HE COULDN'T HEAR HIS CLOTHES.

Our Dear Count Arrays, Himself in Press Agents' Secretary Announces the Seventh Verse of His Poem D'Artagnan's Successor Came to Give, Not Receive, Impressions.

—Is It Not Magnifique?



I. Behold the noble Count, Who'll talk a bit on art, His gown is gay—what he will say We only know in part.

II. Two barbers wait on him, His coiffure is immense, He raves a bit; they throw a fit; His speech is void of sense.

III. Oh, strange that he should seek To educate our fears, By reading verse—and nothing worse; We praise him with our tears.

COMTE ROBERT MONTESQUIOU, &c., received all callers in his suite at the Westminster Hotel this morning. He is a Frenchman, and he admits himself, it cannot help but charm the eye and thrill the heart with its delicate melody, beginning with the faint tremolo of the saffron lingerie and ending with the diapason of the bold yellow silk facing of the bisected dressing gown. After the eye had feasted on the poetic shading in chromatic harmony, it was possible to make a prosaic analysis.

RIBBONED TROUSERS? WHY TO BE CERTAINLY!

First there was the bisected dressing gown. This garment consisted of a jacket that was cut from the blended patterns of a half-hitch kimono and a dinner coat. The trousers were of the conventional style except for broad silk ribbons up and down the seams. The prominent color of this garment was light yellow, underlaid with all manner of little dots of purple and green. The reverse of the kimono-jacket were faced with rich cream yellow silk.

After you had marvelled sufficiently at this surprising color scheme, you caught sight of the starched frills of a green shirt when the Comte shifted so that the wonders of a violet waistcoat were revealed. Above the green shirt nestled a broad-branded turn-down collar of the kind affected by children of the very rich. The snow-whiteness of this collar was relieved by a wide black silk bow delicately tied in a lover's knot.

If you were able to allow your glance to drop from this startling picture you could catch sight of a pair of purple kid slippers tied with satin bows of the same shade and set off by a pair of pale pink silk socks.

GABE'S SOUL ABHORS THE COARSE. All callers on the Comte were ushered into the presence of the dear friend, M. Gabriel Yurri, who up-to-date presided in little bows, holding his finger to his lips, warning you to stifle all harsh sounds of shoe-creaks or coarse respiration. Just before you entered the door the dear friend while-

pered "Sh! Listen!" To the untitled this warning might have sounded like the soft babbling of a maniac, but after a few glances forth from the Comte to M. Gabriel, you understood the caution. Your ears were to be fed on the delicate melody of the Comte's seventh verse.

After the last note had floated out from the green frills of the shirt, following close upon the A minor bars of the yellow silk facing, M. Gabriel stifled his raptures and spoke:

14 MORE—COUNT 'EM—14 MORE. "Is it not wonderful? And only thirteen trunks unpacked! We hope in a few days to be very comfortable in our new quarters, for then we will have the other fourteen trunks open, and their marvelous contents spread out by Alphonse. Then, ma foi! Comte Robert can dress down to the last stanza of his glorious song in clothes."

"What are your impressions on the Americans thus far?" asked the visitor, addressing the Comte.

The literary missionary spread out his palms deprecatingly and shrugged his shoulders until M. Gabriel was dancing on one toe for fear that beautiful curl over the left ear would be undone by the shrug. Before the descendant of D'Artagnan could answer, a stout young woman with rosy cheeks flattered into the room, and after announcing that she was the Comte's press agent's secretary, said very seriously that the Comte had not come here to receive impressions, but to make them (\$5 admission to each seance).

DIDN'T LIKE THE RUBBER. Then, talking for you and from the Comte, she let it be known that the reason why the distinguished Frenchman had left Fifth Avenue for Sixteenth Street and Irving place was that he could not stand the noise of the rubber-tired vehicles rumbling up and down the thoroughfare.

"We, we," interpolated M. Gabriel, "the noise it ruins the harmony."

"You could not hear the clothes?" ventured the visitor.

"We, we," smiled the dear friend, radiantly.

Here the interview was cut short by the arrival of Alphonse, the valet, with a tablet upon which Comte Robert began writing the score of his midday toilet.

When Woman Investigated She Found Her Stock as Valuable as Waste Paper.

Luther W. Spear, former President of the Texas Consolidated Oil Company, now an oil broker in the St. James Building, was arraigned in Centre Street Court today, charged with grand larceny. The complainant was Mrs. Katherine Mitchell, of No. 925 Belmont avenue, Brooklyn.

Mrs. Mitchell says that in the fall of 1901 Spear sold her \$125 worth of oil stock at 25 cents a share, on the guarantee that the par value of the stock was \$1 a share. She says she finds that it is not worth more than what it will bring as waste paper.

Spear, the complainant alleges, has been in Boston for some time and she was unable to reach him with a warning letter, leading him to believe that she wanted to invest more money. He came to New York and was arrested. The magistrate held Spear in \$1,000 bail for trial this afternoon, at which he is expected to be arraigned.

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FOOLHARDY BOY SHOT HIS MOTHER

Eighteen-Year-Old George Carlson Fired a Toy Pistol to Show It Was Harmless and Wounded Her.

MAKES EXAMPLE OF HIM.

A Brooklyn Magistrate Declares the Youth was Old Enough to Have Known Better and Refuses to Let Him Go Free.

George D. Carlson, eighteen years old, was held to-day in the Butler Street Court, Brooklyn, charged with felonious assault for having accidentally shot his mother, Mrs. Amelia Carlson, of No. 602 First Avenue. Mrs. Carlson is recovering from the injury at the Norwegian Hospital. The young man cried bitter tears when informed that his mother was still at the hospital.

Just as George and his brother Arthur, fifteen years old, were going to bed their mother came into the room. Her mission was to get a small toy revolver which her younger child had bought during the day.

"I wish that you would give the pistol to me," she said.

"Let him have it, mother," interrupted George. "It is harmless."

Then, taking the pistol out of her hand, George said, "See, it is not loaded."

A sharp report followed and a dry stream of blood trickled down from among the gray hairs in Mrs. Carlson's head. The wound was on the left side and was an ugly gash. An ambulance was called and the mother was taken to the hospital. Her injuries were said to be not serious.

The foolhardy boy was arrested, and in order to make him feel the full effects of his humiliation the Magistrate to-day refused to release him at the request of the family.

A boy of his years, said the Magistrate, "should have known better. I want to make a lesson of such a case."

FOUND THE CAPTAIN SICK.

Police Surgeon on Inspection Mission Ordered Cooney Home.

Police Surgeon Brunner, acting under orders from Commissioner Greene, went to Long Island City to-day and inspected the police station there. He found it to be in an unsanitary condition as it had been reported. On the way out of the station Surgeon Brunner met Capt. Cooney, who has refused to sleep in the station-house since his transfer to Long Island City.

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